

# BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## DON'T LOSE HEART ARTICLE BY DENNIS GODIN

One of the greatest challenges Christians face as they seek to serve God, whether through the use of a God given gift or simply doing what needs to be done, is that of losing heart. Our theme verse found in Galatians 6:10 is preceded by these words, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." (Galatians 6:9). As many have come to realize, this is sometimes easier said than done. So how can we combat this attitude?

*Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you...*

1st Peter 4:12

One of the first things to realize about our Christian journey is that we will face trials, even though we are seeking to do God's will. Peter would go on in v12 saying such trials should not be viewed "as though some strange thing happened to you." As we serve those around us, especially those in the world, we should not be surprised if we encounter difficulty: criticism, lack of appreciation and the list

***Therefore,  
as we have  
opportunity,  
let us do good to all...***



***...Especially to those  
who are of the house-  
hold of faith.***



***Galatians 6:10***

goes on. Our attention needs to be focused elsewhere.

*...but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.*

1st Peter 4:13

When our expectations are dashed, and disappointment grabs hold of us, it is all too easy to relinquish how we feel to the sinful nature within us. (continued on page 2)

## SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY  
BIBLE CLASS 9:30A.M.

WORSHIP 10:45 A.M.

MID-WEEK STUDY

WEDNESDAY 7-8 P.M.  
(BIDDEFORD)

THURSDAY 6-7 P.M.  
(SANFORD)

### Elders

Brad Shaw (207)878-4124

Tony Lemay (207)651-3369

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### Deacons

John Carter (207)229-8516

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### Ministry Leaders & Staff

Education - Antonio Balsamo  
(207)286-0514

Worship - Larry Butler  
(207)324-0264

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(207)284-3816

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Ladies Ministry

Debbie Godin(207)286-4821

Barbara Lemay (207)850-0084

Secretary - Sarah Small  
(207)286-6713

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## AS EACH PART DOES ITS WORK

How important is encouragement to you? Note someone you have not seen in worship lately and give them a call or send them a card. Who knows, your words of encouragement could make an eternal difference.

**"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" - Acts 16:30**

**Hear** the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Romans 10:14, 17

**Believe** [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31; Heb 11:6

**Repent** of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30

**Confess** Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37; Rom 10:8-10

**Be baptized** - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16; 1 Pet 3:21

**Be faithful** unto death - Mt 7:21; 10:22; Heb 5:9; Rev 2:10

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*"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."*

~ Acts 4:12 ~

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## Ladies Corner

Our next Ladies meeting will be during the congregational breakfast on July 9th.

Thank You,

*Debbie and Barbara*

Last Week's Numbers:

Attendance:      Contribution: \$

## DON'T LOSE HEART (CONTINUED)

This is why Peter would say "But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evil-doer, or as a busybody in other people's matters" (1st Peter 4:15). Don't go down to the world's level! Instead, our attention should be towards the future and the joy we will have when He comes to bring us home. This is why Paul would exhort us saying, "Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:17, 21).

As Christians, we will be confronted with disappointment, people not responding the way we hope they would or thought they would as we shine the light of Christ in their lives. So, as challenging as it may seem, let us cling to our calling that "if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter" (1st Peter 4:16). May He strengthen us all to walk the walk, just as He did, even to the point of death.

Thank you Jesus!

*Dennis*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We're on Facebook**– Biddeford church of Christ is on Facebook! There is a profile, which is public, and there is a closed group, for current Biddeford church family only, where we can share photos, prayer requests, announcements, etc. The public cannot see posts in the BCOC FB group. Only members can.

**New Dumpsters** - There are two locked dumpsters outside now. The keys are at the bottom of the back (inside) stairs. Light blue lid: Recyclables Dark blue lid: Trash.

**Men Leading in Worship** - The men who serve in worship are asked to meet in the cry room or, if it is in use, a classroom promptly at 10:30 to confirm assignments and go to God in prayer.

**Building Lights** - If you are the last person leaving the building, please be sure to turn off all the lights, check that all windows are shut, and the doors are locked.

**Bulletin /- Prayer List** - If you have a prayer request or an announcement for the bulletin, please contact Sarah Small at 286-6713 or email her at [SmallHouseBigBlessings@gmail.com](mailto:SmallHouseBigBlessings@gmail.com) by Friday of each week. Anything given after Friday may not make it into that Sunday's bulletin.

**Reminder:** Please turn off your cell phone or place it on vibrate during Bible study and worship.

**We care what you think** - If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, feel free to write them down on a piece of paper, then sign it and place it in the box. We will get back to you as soon as possible. Thanks for your help.

**Monthly Bulletins**– One per family, please. If you would like another copy, you can find it on our website, [biddefordchurchofchrist.com](http://biddefordchurchofchrist.com). You can also listen to sermons on the website.

**Updating the Prayer List** - Please review the prayer list. If there is a prayer request initiated by you, it is important you contact Sarah Small with updates. Thank you.

**Upcoming Events** - Please check your calendars

**Life Groups**– July 3 & 17

**Congregational Breakfast** - July 9th at 8:30 a.m. There is more outdoor work to be done. If you are able and willing to stay and work after breakfast and the devo, please contact Mark Foley.

**Potluck** - July 10th

**Free Car Wash** - July 16

**Scripture Reading Sunday**– July 24th

**Singing Nights** - Wednesday July 28th (7 p.m. Biddeford) & Thursday July 29th (6 p.m. Sanford)

**Guest Preacher**– Sunday July 31

**July 4th Picnic**-

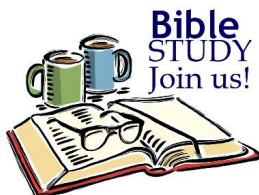
**Lawn Mowing** - Sign up sheet is on the easel. We need volunteers, please.

**Happy Birthday!** Keasha Marescot July 2nd, John Marescot July 6th, Laura Romano July 8th, Mary Witham July 22, Mike Wickwar July 26th, Linda Barnes July 27th, Ian Sampson July 28th

**Happy Anniversary!** Raymond & Marion Goodwin July 1, Louis & Kelly Bureau July 9th, John & Keasha Marescot July 15th, Brad & Brenda Shaw July 27th

### MID-WEEK BIBLE CLASSES

Biddeford  
Wednesdays  
7:00-8:00 p.m.



Sanford  
Thursdays  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

YOUR ATTENDANCE WOULD BE SUCH AN ENCOURAGEMENT!

## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR TODAY

**Song #718** *We Shall Assemble*

**Announcements**—Shepherd

**Opening Prayer** - Brad Shaw

**Song #791** *On Bended Knee*

**Song #129** *Amazing Grace*

**Lord's Supper** - John Carter,  
Rufilo Lawrance, Chris Stephenson

**Song #76** *How Great Thou Art*

**Contribution**

**Song #387** *Tell Me the Story of Jesus*

**Prayer** - Joe Romano

**Song #647** *Soldiers of Christ, Arise*

**Scripture Reading** - John Marescot  
1st Peter 4:12-16

**Lesson** - Dennis Godin *Don't Lose Heart*  
Lesson Text: 1st Peter 4:12-16

**Song #989** *Soon and Very Soon*

**Closing Prayer**—Shepherd



Song Leader: James Butler

Greeter: Jessica Damuth

Communion Prep: Brenda Butler

### NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo

Opening Prayer - John Marescot

Lord's Supper - Larry Butler, Rufilo  
Lawrance, Joe Romano

Prayer - Matt Sampson

Scripture Reading - Abe Damuth

Greeter - Linda Barnes

Communion Prep - Brenda Butler

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WELCOME VISITORS



We here at the Biddeford church of Christ pray your visit with us today is enjoyable and uplifting. Please stay around after services so that we can get to know you better. We all strive to put Christ first in our lives and make the Bible our principle guide for living.

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